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Agenda Item 2
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Councilor David Hartnett, Chair WARD 4
Councilor Maxwell Tracy, WARD 2
Councilor William "Chip" Mason, WARD 5

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Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee of the City Council

Thursday, June 7, 2012 at 5:00 PM
645 Pine Street, front conference room
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Members present: Chair, David Hartnett
Maxwell Tracy

Others present: noted below

Chair Hartnett called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

1. Agenda
Tracy moved to accept. Hartnett second. All in favor.
2. Public Forum
Councilor Mason arrived at 5:06
Steve Norman, Ward 4 resident pursuing French friendliness initiative per Council resolution. Has contacted Mayor Weinberger, Marketplace Director Ron Redmond, and DPW Director Steve Goodkind regarding June 24 Quebec Holiday and concept for free metered marking in Burlington for QC license plates. Estimate \$4,400 daily revenue in meters. Ernie Pomerleau has committed up to \$1,000 to offset revenue lost to city for free QC parking on 6/24. Seeking TEUC guidance.
Norm Baldwin and Pat Beateau, DPW Assistant Directors suggested conversation with John King and Deputy Chief Walt Decker (or new Deputy Chief) at Burlington Police Department (BPD) to discuss enforcement. Possible approval by DPW Commission and Board of Finance
Hartnett stated support for concept, needs input from BPD.
3. Minutes of 3/29/2012
Mason moved to accept. Tracy second. All in favor.
4. Committee Organization: Meeting Schedule, Mission & Upcoming Items
Losch provided Council resolution 9.01, adopted 8.11.08, endorsement of TEUC.
Hartnett prefers regular meetings. Tracy and Mason agree. Acknowledge ability to cancel meetings if no agenda items, and will schedule emergency meetings as needed. Future schedule to be coordinated via email from Losch.

5. Partnerships for Transportation & Health

Councilor Karen Paul updated TEUC on her membership until 2011 and 2 years as Chair previously. Thanked DPW staff support. Noted previous TEUC projects still underway: Champlain Parkway alternative is being proposed by Neil Mickenberg; Shelburne St roundabout progress should be updated regularly.

Ward 6 resident Janet Kahn has been appointed by President Obama to committee with access to health-related grants applicable to Safe Routes to School, Complete Streets, and transportation initiatives. Paul and Kahn met with Mayor in April. Will have early knowledge of grant opportunities for CEDO and DPW. Need active contact with Kahn, will invite to next TEUC meeting.

6. Bike Path Task Force Update

Chapin Spencer and John Bossange provided overview of draft memo distributed at meeting. Task Force (TF) included 12 members of residents, Burlington Business Association and city staff; work complete for TF but work on path improvement continues. June 13 meeting at Parks, Arts and Culture Committee. July 16 meeting with City Council. Seeking comments on draft memo before finalized and sent to full Council.

Chapin acknowledged strong commitment and effort from TF Chair, John Bossange. TF recommendations based on need to bring path to current standards that didn't exist 20 years ago when path created. Funding recommendations detail options for rehabilitation, rehabilitation plus enhancements, and improvements plus maintenance and yearly costs. TF prefers November ballot item for funding. Mayor concerned given other financial needs of city, wants full Council review.

Tracy: thanked for clear and transparent memo and process. Fully supports efforts, wants quick movement. Disappointed in removal of November goal without clear understanding of other financial needs; no transparency for other needs. Wants movement given condition of path and broad support witnessed during TF process.

Mason: provide as much detail as possible on numbers for funding, breakdown itemized costs – will have more meaning. Will need right-of-way (ROW)?

Bossange & Spencer: ROW in northern section is okay, southern section is tight but are recommending less than standard 2-11-2 width rather than taking ROW.

Tracy and Mason: path or process impacted by Moran or TIF impacts? Can work proceed without grants? Mayor's support for room & meal's tax?

Bossange & Spencer: can move toward minimum requirements/rehab without grants. TIGER announcements expected in July. Discussions with State for TIF boundary interpretation, too early to know impacts. Want Mayor's support for room & meal tax, has expressed focus on general financial needs.

Hartnett: Without fall bond, without TIGER, will cost increase? Will increase with general inflation costs. Supports November ballot to reduce long term costs. Supports fully funded version, prefers to do work all at once.

Mason: did residents want enhancements like kiosks?

Bossange & Spencer: residents want world class facility, want to do this once and do it right.

Hartnett: understands Mayor's concerns, but supports November ballot.

7. June 5, 2012 Complete Streets Workshop & Policy Development

Losch thanked TEUC for attendance and support. Provided overview of workshop agenda, full report and notes expected in early July, recommended action plan to be

included. First action item agreed on by all participants: City Council resolution, working with Public Works (PW) Commission, authorizing PW Commission to oversee implementation of Complete Streets; summer project. Councilor Tracy to draft resolution with assistance from Councilor Siegel. Losch will request PW Commission representative at June Commission meeting.

8. Champlain Parkway

Baldwin announced David Allerton, new DPW Engineer, now managing project. Act 250 in process, limited in what can be shared since appeals are in process. Clough Harbor design consultants executed Contract 6, section from Lakeside Avenue north to Main Street. Shems & Dunkiel representing city for Act 250.

Mason: basis of Gilbaine appeal?

Baldwin: unsure of details, but protecting their interests for access to property under development.

Tracy: Battery St extension possibility?

Baldwin: 4f historic preservation required for old Street Dept. yard, would be impacted by connection to Battery St. City could pursue alignment independently. Prefer alternative through Street Dept. yard but infeasible through Parkway process.

Tracy: King St. neighborhood traffic volume change? Socioeconomic impact there?

Baldwin: unsure of numbers, focusing on moving project forward and meeting intent of dispersing traffic to Battery St. Project still provides benefit to half of project site; doesn't want to lose entire project.

Hartnett: no opinion on project. Asked Mason for general South End sentiment.

Mason: mixed. Frustrated by choice but understands goals and complexity.

9. South End Park & Ride

Bureau: city leased Gilbaine at \$45,000/year for PARC shuttle. CCTA received \$18/month per person for shuttle. Chittenden bank was biggest supporter. People's Bank pulled out, only 20-30 users now. Moving site to Pine Street at Howard Center at Queen City Park Rd. Capacity for additional 40 people.

Spencer, CCTA Board: advertising in CCTA map & guide but not heavily advertising for other reasons. PARC continuing as Pine Street regular route. Thanked DPW staff for support.

Bureau: South End Transit Center property line under review for legal rights near Gilbaine site.

10. Isham Street Traffic Calming

Losch provided overview of city's traffic calming program and neighborhood process. Isham Street approved by residents fall 2011, construction began spring 2012, halted for unexpected impacts to Fire Department access to buildings due to overhead wires not considered when plan drafted. Bumpouts amended, acceptable to Fire Department and still meets intent of neighborhood process.

11. Adjourn

Tracy moved to adjourn. Mason second. All in favor. Adjourned at 6:25 pm.